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CIVIC LEAGUE HELD ANNUAL MEET FRIDAY

MEMBERSHIP LAST YEAR WAS
THE LARGEST IN HISTORY
OF ORGANIZATION.

Mrs. King Is Again League's President

The annual meeting of the Civic Improvement League was held on January 6th at the home of Mrs. C. G. Rhodes. Twenty-six women were present. The vice-president, Mrs. Soule, read a letter from Mrs. King—a letter of appreciation and with a message for the new year. The reports of the secretary, Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, and of the chairman of the library committee, Mrs. Floyd H. Glass, were read as given below. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Francis King.
First Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Sadie Soule.
Second Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes.
Secretary—Mrs. Rockwell H. Wilcox.
Corresponding Sec'y.—Mrs. George McLaughlin.
Treasurer—Mrs. M. Estella Moore.
Auditor—Mrs. Jessie E. Fuller.

Report of the Secretary for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1921.

The year just closed shows a larger membership than any previous year—197 members. Fifty-seven women attended the meetings.

Twelve regular meetings were held. As in the past, the objective of every league meeting has been to keep the woman in touch with affairs vital to Alma. At the March meeting Mayor Murphy explained thoroughly the new water system; the new jail and detention room for women and the police system. Mrs. Shepard talked about the coming spring election and explained the primaries. The May and June meetings were held at the Republic school. The meetings at the Republic school are always profitable and remembered with pleasure. This year was no exception. Over forty women were present at each meeting; subjects touching school life were discussed; the coming election of trustees of the Board of Education; the moral condition surrounding the girls in Alma. Capt. McLain was present at one of the meetings and spoke on this subject, and a report was given assuring the League that the Commission would enforce the curfew ordinance and install stationary lights in the rest room. After the May meeting the League, on invitation, visited the plant of the Northern Wheel Company.

At the August meeting Mr. Reece spoke on the "Activities and Achievements of the Chamber of Commerce," and a plan for planting elm trees along the road from Alma to St. Louis was suggested by Mrs. King.

Mr. Reece was also present at the September meeting and read a paper on "Industrial Activities," written by Mr. Bierce of Grand Rapids. At this meeting Mr. Fred Soule of Norfolk House, Boston, spoke on playground equipment and supervised play, complimenting the good playground equipment in Wright Park. Mrs. Rodriguez of Buenos Aires told of her adopted city with its two and one-half million people; its public buildings; style of architecture and its wonderful rose garden, one of the most noted in the world.

In October Mrs. Vliet represented the League at the meetings of the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Grand Rapids, and gave a report at a joint meeting of the Art Club, the Woman's Club and Civic League.

At the October meeting the Rev. Matt W. Duffey spoke on the "Moral and Morals of Alma," speaking especially of the violation of the statute prohibiting the selling of cigarettes to minors and asked the League to assist in creating an atmosphere of disapproval of this state of affairs. At this meeting the condition at the railroad station, the weeds, and the papers that are always scattered around—was referred to a committee.

At the November meeting, besides other subjects, the dangerous influence of jazz music was discussed, and the need of a policeman in Alma.

The December meeting was a fitting climax to the year. The League met in the Methodist church and listened to an inspiring address by Dr. Williams, of Chicago; subject, "Adventures in Reform." Dr. Williams encouraged the women in their work for the community—urging them to take up the great moral problems and to endeavor to become efficient in public service.

At the League meetings reports have been given of the work of the Welfare Association, Red Cross matters, and the campaign of the Good

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"Mister Antonio" Highly Pleased

M. Beryl Buckley, interpreter of drama, who appeared here Tuesday evening, as the third number on the Community Lyceum Course, delighted an appreciative audience with her interpretation of "Mister Antonio."

Her clever handling of the parts of the characters with their changing moods was a difficult feat, but was handled in such a manner that the moral of the drama was brought home forcibly to the entire audience. It is very doubtful if there was a person in the audience that was not deeply impressed by the spirit of charity which the drama conveyed, and in all probability it will leave a lasting impression with many of those who heard the interpretation. In this case the visit of M. Beryl Buckley to Alma must be considered a happy event.

Before starting the interpretation of the drama and between the acts such explanations as were needed to allow an easy following of the interpretation were made, which made it still more interesting.

HAMILTON GAVE GOOD ADDRESS

POINTED OUT THE ESSENTIALS
OF CO-OPERATION IN CITY
LIFE.

Yesterday's noon day luncheon again brought out nearly a hundred members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, who were given a rare treat in the form of a short address by Professor Roy Hamilton of Alma College, who spoke on the spirit of co-operation in city life.

In his address he pointed to co-operation, truthfulness and true friendship as the three essentials, which bring about the spirit of co-operation in city life, as well as the fundamentals of recreation. He called attention to how Alma, the smallest city that he had lived in, had attracted him a year ago, when he had been offered a deanship at a still larger college than Alma College, and which decided him to remain in Alma.

G. V. Niles, a recent addition to the Alma Chamber of Commerce, and W. D. Wright of Harbor Springs, were each called upon by Charles H. Goggin, chairman of the meeting for a few words.

Attention at the meeting was called to the fact that there is seating capacity for just one hundred at the luncheons and a proposition was made as to whether or not the sale of tickets should be discontinued and whether or not to limit the number at the luncheons under a hundred. It was decided to hold to the hundred mark and on a motion the chair was empowered to appoint a committee of four to handle the ticket sale for the next Wednesday luncheon. W. S. Proud and Frank P. Smith were appointed as ticket sellers for the north side and J. A. Gerhardt and W. E. Parnell for the south side.

Alma Legionaires Install Officers

The American Legion met in regular session Thursday, January 5, in the Legion rooms. Dr. Dubois, the Post Commandant, gave a very interesting and rather detailed report of the Christmas tree. After this report the Commandant gave over the office without formalities to the newly elected Commandant, Mr. L. D. Burt.

Mr. Burt outlined the work for the new year in a way that showed that he is familiar with the duties of Commandant, and also in a way that showed that he knows American Legion Policies. In laying out the work for the committees he laid stress upon the work of the activities committee and the membership committee. He pointed out the fact that the membership would be augmented by some real peppy entertainments. Some live suggestions were given by Chester Robinson, Father Mulvey, Arthur Simonton, and others.

Following are the officers installed: Commander, Lauren D. Burt; vice post commander, Chester R. Robinson; adjutant, Carl Shook; finance officer, Gerald Sawyer; historian, Lawrence Kettell; sergeant-at-arms, Floyd R. Theobald; chaplain, Rev. J. A. Mulvey.

LITTLE LAD INJURED

John, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Cook of Detroit, both of whom are well known here, was very badly injured December 31 at Vernon it has been learned. Mr. Cook, with his son in the front seat was driving on the road when his automobile collided with another. Both Mr. Cook and his young son were thrown through the windshield. Mr. Cook was not injured, but John was cut so badly that it was necessary to take 28 stitches to close his wounds.

MOINET RUNS TEN THROUGH COURT MILL

MEN FACE JUDGE AND ENTER
PLEAS OF GUILTY AND TAKE
SENTENCES.

Saves the Taxpayers Considerable Money

That the prosecuting attorney's office is saving considerable money for the taxpayers of the county was made very apparent last week when ten criminal cases were disposed of in circuit court before Judge E. J. Moinet. Prosecutor Romaine Clark, with the assistance of the sheriff's department had worked up the various cases to such an extent that in each instance a plea of guilty was entered, saving the cost of trials in each of the ten cases.

It is estimated that if it had been necessary to conduct trials of the cases it would in all probability have taken in the neighborhood of thirty-five days of trial work to dispose of them. As it costs close to \$100 per day to conduct circuit court with jury cases, the saving that has been made in these cases to the county can be readily seen. It is also an indication that Prosecutor Clark is becoming very thorough in his work in this office.

The ten cases were disposed of by Judge Moinet on Wednesday and Thursday.

Philip Dakick, charged with larceny of coal, made a plea of guilty and was given a thirty day sentence.

Frank Kapke, also charged with larceny of coal, was given thirty days after entering his plea of guilty.

Joe Smolek, charged with the violation of the liquor laws, was fined \$300.00 and placed on probation for two years.

John Kirko, was charged with the violation of the liquor laws. When he faced Moinet he made a plea of guilty. He was fined \$100.00 and placed on probation for two years.

John Beck and brother, Morris Beck, both of Greenville, arrested a week ago by Gratiot officers after they had chased the men from Perinton to Greenville, both entered pleas of guilty. They were sentenced to Jonia for six months and fined \$500 each. They will get extra time if the fine is not paid.

Harry Mulvaney, charged with forgery, made a plea of guilty before the court and was sentenced to spend a year at Jonia.

Ollie Worden of Alma, charged with violating the liquor laws, drew a sentence of from six months to a year, after making his plea of guilty.

Joe Vorick and Leo Schwind both made pleas of guilty to charges of violating the liquor laws. Each was placed on probation for two years and given a fine of \$50.00.

In each case where the men were placed on probation certain restraining rules were laid down.

Blakely Goes and Gets Them

That J. W. Blakely, local representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has lost none of his old time cunning in convincing the people of central Michigan of the need that they have for life insurance, is shown from the fact that he has received an honor card from the company to the effect that during the month of November he ranked as second in the amount of insurance written by the agents of this company in the United States and Canada.

Blakely and a number of other insurance agents have been working this field for years, but it is still a field that offers plenty of business to the insurance agent judging from the amount of business that "Blake" wrote during November.

Not Co-ed But Gal-osh Edition

The annual co-ed number of the Almanian, weekly publication of the students at Alma college, has disappeared, and in its place the young ladies of the institution have brought forth what is known as the Gal-osh edition, again showing how desirous the gentler sex is for something new. Following is the staff that handled the editorial work of the edition: Editor, Louise Hainline; assistant editor, Mabel Field; campus editor, Greta Muir; Wright Hall editor, Louise Osgood; joke editor, Margaret Poole; athletic editor, Elizabeth Munger.

TOM MIX—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

Nation Testing Reinforced Road

How a reinforced concrete road holds up under heavy traffic is to be determined by the bureau of public roads, United States department of Agriculture, through experiments to be conducted on such a road now being built in the suburbs of Washington in co-operation.

The road is being reinforced with many different arrangements of wire mesh and round steel rods embedded in the concrete. The joints will be either a crack left in the road to be filled with tar, or simply a sheet of corrugated metal set on edge with the concrete poured around it. Some sections are to have joints running along the middle of the road, some across it, and some will be built without joints.

Of especial interest is the construction of the ribbed sections. Instead of placing the concrete on a nearly flat subgrade, trenches will be dug in the subgrade running parallel to the edges of the road and also across the road. These trenches will be filled with concrete, giving the slab downward projections of concrete and presumably strengthening it. Experiments also will be conducted to determine the strengthening effect of treating the earth under the concrete. On one section the earth for a depth of six inches will be mixed with cement, to 20 parts of earth. In some places where there is a grade a trench under the concrete will be filled with gravel. These trenches will slope toward the edges of the road and draw away any water that might otherwise accumulate under the surface.

MACGOWAN TO BE HERE WEDNESDAY

FOURTH NUMBER OF LYCEUM
COURSE TO BE HELD HERE
WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Dr. Robert MacGowan, who lectures here on the Lyceum Course Wednesday evening, Jan. 18, has been an exceptionally popular speaker throughout the east as well as in Europe. His lecture, "The Individual and Society," generates community discussion and is invariably followed by comments similar to those from prominent easterners which are quoted below:

"Robert MacGowan, to whom I have listened at every opportunity, is one of the most brilliant lecturers now before the American public. He has a freshness and brilliancy that are the outpourings of his magnetic personality. His humor and manner are captivating, and the profundity of his wisdom is as deep as his great knowledge of human nature. I have never seen any person in his many audiences of which I have been a member, who lost an atom of interest; but like myself every one followed Dr. MacGowan to his last word with cumulative attention and enthusiasm."—John G. Grehbel, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Dr. MacGowan is a man of unique personality, an able thinker, an expert and scholarly analyst of American historical life, American tradition, and present-day tendencies. He gave us a strong, well-arranged and helpful message which deserves a wide hearing. He is a live wire and I am glad that he came to us."—B. F. Collier, Standard Oil Company of Cleveland.

Attention is also called to the fact that the second drawing for reserved seats for the Lyceum Course will start on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Murphy's drug store. All seats should be reserved before the fourth number on the course.

Clouse-Corothers Wedding Sunday

Sunday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bacon, 201 Cedar avenue, Miss Margaret E. Clouse of Topeka, Kansas, was united in marriage to Mr. William Corothers of North Star.

The wedding was a quiet affair, a few close friends and near relatives were present at the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. E. E. Shouffer of the Baptist church. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served by the hostess, Mrs. Bacon, who is an aunt of the bride.

The newly married couple will make their home in North Star, where the groom is a well known and prosperous farmer.

To the voters of Gratiot County:

I wish to announce that at the coming Primary I will be a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket. If nominated and elected I will devote my entire time to the office and faithfully perform my duties.

Frank R. Howes.

ALMA WELFARE ASSOCIATION TO CAMPAIGN

WILL SEEK FUNDS NEXT WEEK
FOR RELIEF OF POOR
IN ALMA.

Considerable Money Will Be Needed

In the issue of Dec. 15, 1921, of the Alma Record, the report of the executive secretary of the Welfare Association for the past year was printed in full. In the same issue the work and details of the plan of organization of that Association was discussed editorially in some detail. From that editorial we quote the following:

"The work of the Welfare Association this year promises to be even more extensive than that of last year. For one thing the organization is now complete and ready for business at an earlier date than last fall. For another the continued industrial depression which has affected all parts of the country has made the immediate need greater this year than last. The Welfare Association is now thoroughly organized to cover the entire city and ready for work. The plan is effective in that investigating committees are now at work and all aid is given only upon the recommendation of these committees. Therefore all the money expended is wisely and judiciously used and made to cover all the territory possible. Anyone knowing of temporary need should report such cases immediately to the chairman of the investigating committee of his or her ward and the matter will be given prompt attention.

"The funds for the use of this organization were last year supplied in large part from the surplus remaining from the Red Cross Fund. This year there is no such reserve source to draw from, and the amount needed, which is roughly estimated at from \$1500 to \$2000.00 will have to be raised in some other way. A considerable part of this amount will doubtless be raised by subscription; the details of the plan of which will be announced later."

The Welfare Association now announces that it is ready to put on this drive for funds. This announcement is made at this time in order that all may be ready to contribute when called upon to do so next week, when solicitors will be out with subscription lists for that purpose. The Welfare Association is badly in need of immediate funds and the demands made upon the organization are increasing daily and will continue to increase all through the cold weather. Everyone who is asked to contribute, and we are all asked, for the problem concerns us all, may feel assured that the money so donated will be wisely, systematically, economically, and well expended for a most worthy cause. Indiscriminate charity is never desirable, and the Welfare Association was organized to avoid that very thing and to put in its place, systematic aid to all who are in real need through any deserving cause.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alma Chamber of Commerce which was held Tuesday P. M. January 10, 1922, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas,

After many years of indiscriminate solicitation for charity in this locality, there was organized at a meeting of representatives of the churches of the city and of various interested clubs and organizations, "The Alma Welfare Association," whose object was to serve as a central agency for the relief of the poor of Alma,

And whereas since the date of its organization in November, 1920, this society has proven itself efficient,

And whereas it serves a different purpose than, and its officers work in co-operation with, the County Poor Commissioner,

The Alma Chamber of Commerce heartily endorses the work of the Alma Welfare Association.

And he it further resolved that the Alma Chamber of Commerce hereby requests all other organizations seeking to engage in charity work in this community to co-operate with the welfare association as the central bureau for such work.

And further be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the secretary of each association or organization in the city which is in the habit of engaging from time to time in work of a charitable nature.

Harry Gerber, President.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.

The National Clothing Company has been placed under new management and will remain in Alma and continue to conduct a credit business.—advertisement

Builders Class Has Good Five

The Builders' class of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school has organized a basketball team which is doing a new stunt in playing out of town teams. The schedule made out by Jack Eckles, who is coaching the five calls for some good games. Several games have already been played and won.

The team has already won the following games from local teams: Builders 21, Independents 11; Builders 17, Independents 7; Builders 17, Baptists 3; Builders 28, Independent five 8.

Games to be played follow: January 14, Catholics of Alma; Jan. 21, Methodists of Alma; Jan. 28, Baptists of Alma; February 4, Ithaca Presbyterians at Ithaca; Feb. 11, St. Louis Methodists at St. Louis; Feb. 18, Saginaw Christian church at Alma; February 25—Mt. Pleasant Indians at Mt. Pleasant; March 4, St. Johns Congregationalists at Alma; March 11—Ithaca Presbyterians at Alma; March 18, Saginaw Christian Church at Saginaw; March 25, St. Louis Methodists at Alma.

MERCHANTS TRADE EXTENSION SALE

BARGAIN SALE STARTING SAT-
URDAY TO BE CONTINUED
ALL MONTH.

Starting on Saturday, January 14, and continuing all during the balance of the month, Alma merchants will stage their first trade extension sale of 1922.

The January sale brings to the public goods at lower prices than have previously been offered by the Alma merchants. Seasonable goods that the merchants desire to clear out before their spring goods start arriving in the near future have been cut to the lowest possible price and in many cases below cost. This is being done to move the goods and not be forced to carry them over for another season.

The big January sale will find staple goods offered at exceptionally low prices, making a sale at which unmatched values are offered to the general public.

Business conditions are such that merchants are endeavoring all over the country to turn over their merchandise quickly and at small profit, and every possible effort is being made to clean out seasonal goods every season. It remained for Alma merchants to start the ball rolling in this section of the state, and with nearly three months of cold weather ahead they are offering winter goods at the most surprisingly low prices. They realize the need of quick turnovers in view of present day markets.

As a result of the conditions the January sale shows on the market thousands of dollars worth of goods at prices that cannot be matched anywhere in this part of the state.

First State Bank Elects Directors

The stockholders of the First State Bank Tuesday evening elected directors for the coming year, re-electing those who have served the bank during the past year in this capacity.

The directors are Lester A. Sharp, Francis King, Charles G. Rhodes, Charles O. Ward, E. C. Crandall, J. M. Montigel and Carl J. Washburn.

The total resources of the bank show a total of 1,340,534.39 as compared with a total of \$778,699.25 five years ago, this showing a healthy growth on the part of the institution. Interest paid to depositors by the bank during the past year amounted to \$31,954.38. The daily deposits at the bank averaged 29,125.12.

The clearance items of the bank during the past year amounted to \$6,550,524.03.

In spite of the various taxes which confront banking institutions because of the war taxes, the bank has paid a seven per cent dividend to its stockholders on their investment.

During the year a new feature was established at the bank in the formation of a new bond savings department.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

All correspondents are requested to paragraph each item in their correspondence, and not to abbreviate any words in their items. It is also requested that care be used to write all names just as plainly as possible, that possible mistakes in the office may be avoided.

If correspondents will follow these directions and get their copy into the office by Tuesday afternoon if possible, they will greatly assist in making it possible to have the paper out on time each week.

TOM MIX—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

COUNTY OFFICER SEEKING RELIEF FOR UNEMPLOYED

MANY ODD JOBS THAT COULD
BE HANDLED NOW RATHER
THAN IN SPRING.

Unemployment Aid in Causing Crime

One of Gratiot County's well known officials, who is in a position that brings him into more or less close touch with the unemployment situation in the County, has written a letter to the mayors and village presidents throughout the county, boards of trade, and newspapers, in which he gives some valuable ideas in caring for some of the unemployment.

He also points out that unemployment is a cause of child delinquency, liquor law violations, bad check giving, etc., which makes it still more important that the more fortunate people of the county take such steps as they are able to take in furnishing work for those who are in need.

The letter in part follows and should be read by every person in the county because of the worthwhile thoughts that it conveys: "That it (unemployment) is sought as a shield by many cannot be disputed, but slight investigation discloses cases after cases of child delinquency, liquor law violation, bad check giving, etc., traceable directly only to past improvidence and present unemployment."

"Because of local conditions, the City of Alma, through its mayor, has issued an order discontinuing all card playing in pool rooms. This alone cannot but conserve a large weekly expenditure, in many cases by those unable to afford it."

"You have read the findings of the President's conference on unemployment showing clearly that acute unemployment can be promptly relieved if the public will act, but how few of us have thought that we owe it to the man without a job to find one for him, if we have any work to be done."

"Every extra day's work caused to be done now takes men off the streets. Why not have the present accumulation of ashes removed, the screens repaired?"

"As stated in the sixth clause of Mr. Hoover's report: 'Private houses, hotels, offices, stores, etc., can contribute to the situation by making repairs and alterations and doing cleaning during the winter instead of waiting until spring, when employment will be more plentiful.' (And wages higher.)"

"The Paint, Varnish and allied interests, by advertisement, continuously urge 'that winter is as good a time as any for all kinds of indoor painting and varnishing.'"

"Assuming that there are men out of work—assuming there are numberless items of labor in your City or Village to be performed for the mutual benefit of the employer and unemployed, there is one big difficulty which a little co-operative thought and planning—perhaps by the aid of some of your women—may obviate."

"Could you or your family step to the phone and call for a man or woman to do this or that item of work, knowing your request would be fulfilled, and the work performed at a reasonable price—knowing that you would be required to pay a fair and reasonable price and no more—there are many things you would find to have done this winter that under existing conditions you will not bother with, since it takes valuable time from your work, oft time so much you do the job yourself rather than hunt another, though you know you cannot afford the time required."

"Why not an employment bureau in your city or town? Free to employer and employee; established by proper publicity and advertisement to create work to be done; supervised and directed by a few, sponsored by a Board of Trade, every church, lodge, Legion and other organizations. To the unemployed, an invitation to register name, trade, if any, address, work capable of or wanted, etc., not as a charity, but for the benefit of all, merchants and taxpayers, as well as those honestly in need from lack of employment."

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ANNOUNCEMENT
Having resigned from The Davis Beauty Shop, I will conduct a similar business at my new location, 317 State street (The E. Lewis Beauty Stand), beginning January 7th, 1922. Hours 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Evenings by appointment. Telephone, office 555 Black; residence 555 Green.

Yours for service,
Winifred Nelson Allen.